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change party statutes. This is not surprising in that the entire schedule of events for the 4th party congress corresponds exactly to the schedule of events of the 19th party congress of the CPSU. As for back as April 1953, Schirdswan, in the name of the Central Committee, had broached the impending changes in party statutes. For the most part these proposed changes will concern revisions of party administrative procedures which have been put into effect already. They are (a) transfer of centralised administrative authority from the Lend to the Bezirk level, (b) increased emphasis on the party cadra organizations in production plants (RPO) as the basic units, (c) simplification of dual edministration between Essizic and municipalities (Stadthesirkeleitunger) and (d) probably the enunciation of the principle of collective responsibility. Questionable is whether, in line with the changes in the CPSU, the SED Polithar will be changed into a pracesidium.

- 5. The Ulbright speech will probably have to concern itself with the Dahlem, Herrnetedt, Zeisser cases. In any event, the probable main point of Ulbright's speech will concern the German reunification question.
- 6. It is reported that by 30 March, the opening of the 4th party congress, 150,000 candidates for the SED are to be recruited.
- 7. It is worthy of note that very little coverage was given to the top party speakers at the conference of had delegates, a third (80) of which have already met. Never Deutschland of 10 February cites very little about these conferences and mentions in addition to Political members and Central Committee secretaries only a few other speakers such as Otto Schoon, Hermann Axen, Willi Rampf, Henna Welf, and a certain Otto Heckert. These top party functionaries ware committed in particularly "difficult" (beisse) areas; Schirdeven in Altenburg, Rumpf and Axen in Berlin-Friedrichshain, Henna Welf in Mansfeld, and Heckert in Zitter. Those are "difficult" areas in that either the party work there has been the subject of constant criticism or that "weaknesses" were observed there during the 17 June revolt.
- 3. Maure Devischland of 13 February lists, emong the top party cultural functionaries attending the <u>Kulturbund</u> congress, Alfred Kurella as residing in Berlin. Kurella has up to now been active in the Moscow emigration.